[Applicable PDU range test and calculation for window-based polling]

Abstract of Disclosure

A transmitter is capable of transmitting protocol data units (PDUs). Each PDU has an n-bit sequence number. A polling determination method is provided that determines if polling should be performed according to a parameter S that is an n-bit sequence number. Polling is then triggered if a PDU that is next to be transmitted is not a re-transmitted PDU and the polling determination method indicates that polling is to be triggered according to the sequence number of the PDU. The polling determination method uses the equation: $t = ((2^n + 1 + S VT(A)) \mod 2^n)/VT(WS)$ to determine if polling should be triggered, where S is the sequence number of the next outgoing PDU.